

## CODE OF STEAMER WHISTLES

By Which Each Company's Craft is Distinguished.

Mail Steamers Do Not Have Special Code—Four Short Toots Signify Danger.

Capt. Ritchie of the C. D. Co., gives the following information in reference to the whistles and steam signals of the different transportation companies' boats. The prevailing idea is that upon the arrival of a boat carrying government mail a special whistle was blown by the boat to signify the arrival. This is true at any point along the upper river except at the terminals of the run, Dawson and Whitehorse. At these points all C. D. Co. boats blow one long, two short and one long whistles, whether the boat carries mail or not. At points along the river, however, these whistles are not blown except when the boat carries mail, otherwise but one blast is given.

The Klondike Corporation boats are identified by one whistle.

Nels Peterson's boats, the Bonanza King and Eldorado, blow three long whistles. All the lower river boats blow three long blasts.

Before leaving the dock all boats blow the same whistles signifying their time of departure. Three long whistles for one-half hour to sailing time, two for the quarter hour and one long for five minutes. After these whistles are blown, one short toot is given for casting off. Four short whistles or more signifies danger either in dock or on the river.

A boat coming down stream has right of way, and two whistles signifies her intention of taking the left, or one to the right. A boat which passes another in the same direction has no privilege and takes the side given to her by the boat ahead.

A salute is two short and one long whistle; a call three long whistles.

### Given Up all Its Dead.

The recovery of the body of Miss Stewart, the 14-year-old girl, who, with her mother and Walter Monastes, was drowned in the Florence S. disaster in Thirtymile river on July 21st, which body was found a few days ago above Hootalinqua near where the others were recovered, and brought on to Dawson on the steamer Clifford Sifton, makes the sixth body which the Yukon and its tributary, Thirtymile, have given up within less than a period of three months, that space of time not having elapsed since the recovery of the body of Fred Clayton, the first found of the three victims of the Christmas day tragedy.

The victims of the Florence S. wreck were all found within three weeks of the sad occurrence.

If there is any truth in the theory that two men were implicated in the crime of Christmas day, and that one of them was either killed by the assaulted party or ater by his partner, and his body consigned along with those of his victims to the water of the Yukon, then is there yet one body unrecovered. But so far as actually known, all bodies claimed by and consigned to the river since last fall have been yielded up by the waters, recovered and identified, the body which was believed to have been that of Lineman Olsen, but about which there was a trace of doubt at the time of the inquest, having later been positively identified by one of his former associates and employees in the service of the government telegraph at Five Fingers.

The recovery of all the bodies above mentioned is due in a large measure to the efficiency and thorough work of the members of the N. W. M. P., who never fail in their duty or betray a trust reposed in them.

### Has Seen the World.

Staff Sergeant T. Rogers, who is here in the service of Lord Minto, has occupied his present position under six different governors-general for the past 24 years. He has been around the world five times and traveled extensively with his commanders through the great nations of the world. The sergeant makes many friends wherever he goes and can at the right time regale his listeners with many interesting incidents of his travels.

### Started an Industry.

A number of years ago and before he settled down in life L. W. Horkan of the Dawson Standard Library, introduced peach growing for the market at Tifton in the southwestern part of Georgia, the only previous exports of that country being watermelons and cotton. The new industry proved a

profitable one. Mr. Horkan's neighbors "caught on" and a Tifton paper received by him this week states that an average of four car loads of peaches is being daily shipped from there this season. The fruit cars are forwarded as express freight and are rushed through to New York and other eastern cities in from 36 to 40 hours.

Mr. Horkan, who is something of a horticulturist as well as florist, will probably be cultivating peach trees in the Yukon next season.

### River News.

The steamer Sybil sails this afternoon with the vice-regal party to Whitehorse. The boat is in fine shape and a new steam steering gear has been put in which will make the navigating of the boat much easier for the pilot who on former trips used the wheel, the power of throwing which was derived from the brawn of the navigator.

The steamer Gustin is billed to sail late tonight for St. Michael.

The Yukoner sails tomorrow for Whitehorse.

From Hootalinqua the Victorian was reported going up at 6:30 this morning, and the Yukoner coming down at 9:15 a. m. She left Whitehorse at 7 last night.

The Nora left Whitehorse at 6 this morning with a scow in tow.

The Bonanza King arrived last night at 10:30 with 62 head of cattle 2 horses and 40 tons of general merchandise. She brought the following passengers:

Mrs. Arthur Moreau, A. Talbot, Mr. Simons, Mrs. Simons, Ida Mason, Chas. Daniels, W. J. Quinn, J. H. Hughes, Mrs. Hughes, M. Little, Alex McDonald, Wm. McAusland, O. F. Wegener, Chas. Rodigar, John Saul, E. V. Cabbage, Mrs. Cabbage, Hemer Mead, W. H. Woolridge, G. D. Wright, H. B. Lambert, N. B. Marks, Henry Mickell, May Mickell.

The steamer Canadian left Whitehorse at 7 this morning, the Bailey arriving at that point at 4 o'clock a. m.

The Tyrrell is due to arrive today from Whitehorse, also the Flora from Stewart river.

The Columbian left last night with 60 passengers, many of whom came up on the Susie from St. Michael.

### Travel Is Still Heavy.

When the steamer Columbian left last night for Whitehorse she had all her stateroom accommodations filled with passengers who are bound for the outside. There is now but little time to spare if the round trip to the outside is to be made and Dawson again reached before the close of navigation, unless the travelers spend but a very short time in visiting or in the transaction of business while absent. From now on the majority of those going outside will not return this fall. There will probably be a heavy travel this way from now until the close of navigation as there are hundreds of Dawsonites on the outside who intend wintering here again.

### New Railroad Agent.

To All Concerned:

Effective this date, J. H. Rogers has been appointed agent for the White Pass & Yukon Route, Pacific and Arctic Railway & Navigation Co., British Columbia-Yukon Railway Co., British Yukon Railway Co. and C. D. Co. Ltd., at Dawson, Y. T., vice C. M. Chambers, resigned.

S. M. IRWIN,  
Traffic Manager.  
A. L. BERDOE,  
Auditor.

Approved:

R. C. HAWKINS,  
General Manager.

### Changes in Puerto Rico.

Many difficulties have been encountered in bringing good government and contentment to the island of Puerto Rico since the United States began to exercise authority there, but a good beginning has been made; and in spite of great destitution and some discontent because of the hurricane of last year, the people have been furnished with enough evidence to convince them of the benefits gained by a change of sovereignty. The reforms already effected are of a substantial character, and relief from many burdens borne under Spanish rule should give the Puerto Ricans an idea of what they will be able to enjoy in the way of an enlightened administration of affairs when new problems have been worked out.

Under the old Spanish rule, imprisonment without a hearing or the preferring of charges against the persons arrested was common, and those detained often passed many years in confinement without being informed of the nature of the offense for which they had thus been held. The United States has rooted out Spanish methods in dealing with those charged with unlawful acts, established honest courts of justice and made it possible for the accused to get a speedy trial.

Before the American occupation, marriage had been hedged about with arbi-

trary restrictions which made it impossible for the poor, especially in the rural districts, to enter into matrimony, and the result was that more than half the families were living in a state of concubinage. More than half of the children born in the island in later years were illegitimate, and because of their illegal birth were deprived of natural rights under the law. By recent order the contract of marriage may be entered into without cost, and the legal status of children born out of wedlock has been established. Those acquainted with the previous condition of affairs unite in saying that this reform is one of the greatest importance to the people of the island.

Under Spanish rule it was the custom to rent a burial place in the cemeteries and to demand a renewal of the rent every year after the first five years. Failure to pay the renewal promptly resulted in the disinterment of the body and the throwing of the bones in a common heap. This custom was discontinued by order of the military governor, making it unlawful to disinter bodies without a special permit, and then only for the purpose of reinterment.

Formerly the island was a prey to disease, owing largely to unsanitary conditions and lack of care for the people by those in authority. A general cleaning up has taken place, and sanitary regulations put in force. A vaccine farm has been established, army surgeons have vaccinated the population of the island, and all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of diseases which were once a scourge unchecked and unattended to.

Under the old regime everything was taxed, generally for the benefit of the tax collectors and those high in authority. In addition to heavy taxes on property, real and personal, there were duties on imports, port dues, petty licenses, innumerable exactions of the church, which was backed by the crown, and, quite important, a governmental lottery the tickets of which the mayors of the towns were expected to sell to citizens who found that purchase was something really compulsory. Since American occupation the lottery has disappeared, many exactions have been wiped out, and the burden of taxation is brought down to a small tariff tax on imports which is used to meet the expenses of government, and not, as in former times, to feather the nests of the representatives of the crown.

These are but a few of the reforms introduced by the American government. It has been necessary to have an entire overhauling in matters of administration, and some of the difficulties encountered have not been easily overcome. The intention has been to give the people laws less irksome than the old, better educational facilities and an honest administration of affairs that will put them in a position to do better for themselves and enable them to appreciate the benefits of good government.

### Cannot Be Accommodated.

Owing to the lateness of the season it is not likely there will be upwards of half a dozen more steamers up the river from St. Michael this year. Such being the case it will not be possible for the many thousand people at Nome who would prefer to come here in preference to going back to the Sound and lower coast to get here. It is not likely that more than 1000 people will be brought up the river between now and the close of navigation, and, such being the case, Dawson will be loser on the lower river route for the season fully 2000 people.

### Debs' Letter of Acceptance.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 4.—Eugene V. Debs, presidential nominee of the Social Democratic party, has sent his letter of acceptance to William Butcher, national secretary of the party in this city. Mr. Debs says: "I am deeply sensible of the responsibilities which rest upon me as a Socialistic candidate for the office of president of the United States. Fully imbued with the philosophy of Socialism, I seek no personal preferment, and I claim consideration only as a representative of the principles of Socialism. In that capacity, and that alone, I appeal to the working class and my countrymen for their support. The confidence implied by the unanimous action of my comrades moves me to regret my limitations and to wish myself a worthier representative of the principles so sacred to them, being fraught with grave import to the countless victims struggling in the grasp of economic bondage.

"But all the strength and ability I have are at their service. Long since I consecrated myself to the cause and all I have is laid with joy on the altar of Socialism. As we look around we behold the steady and stately march of transformation. Capitalism, which has written its records in the tears and blood of the human race is staggering to its doom, while Socialism, herald of

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### An Enterprising Restauranter.

During his stay in the town his excellency the governor general purchased some live chickens and other choice supplies from the cafe department of the Whitehorse hotel, whereupon the enterprising proprietor put up the sign, "Caterers and Chicken Specialists to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada."—Whitehorse Tribune.

Party who bought large gold sack at Big Boston Store yesterday morning can learn something to his advantage by calling at store. p17

Table de hote dinners. The Holborn.

Heavy underwear at Oak Hall.

Private dining rooms at The Holborn.

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ALEX PANTAGES,  
Manager.

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August 27th.

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